



Osprey Nest at Grandview Bohannon, Mathews County

"The Osprey Nest is a king-size rental suite specializing in relaxation and privacy for guests wanting to vacation and enjoy Mathews County's Chesapeake Bay, Virginia. The entire second floor of our home, Grandview, is dedicated to the guests of the Osprey Nest."

Green Statement: "We are permanent residents of the Chesapeake Bay and want to do our part to ensure its continuation for generations to come."



GREEN ACTIVITIES

☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
- Recycling materials are picked up daily
- Also recycle office paper, printer/toner cartridges, cardboard, batteries

Guest rooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Compost food waste and other compostables

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use cloth napkins
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Compost all possible materials from owners and guests and use a fertilizer on gardens



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - High efficiency dishwashers
 - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan which minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective storm water management plan which includes rain gardens
- Have installed drip line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds



Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting



Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other device in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Building Construction and Renovation

- Use programmable thermostat for HVAC
- Use on demand gas water heater to eliminate need for hot water holding tank

For more information on **Osprey Nest at Grandview**, see www.ospreynestatgrandview.com or contact Karla Scanlan at theospreynest@yahoo.com or 804-725-9352.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen or www.virginiagreentravel.org.

